

# 2004 Task Force Work Plan Status

## South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force

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Restoring the Everglades is a national, state, tribal, and local priority. The South Florida ecosystem provides a rich natural heritage for all Americans and supports the economy and the high quality of life of Floridians and Native American Indians who live there. The American people have a strong interest in preserving this 18,000-square-mile region of subtropical uplands, wetlands, and coral reefs that extends from the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes south of Orlando through Florida Bay and the reefs southwest of the Florida Keys.

This complex and challenging restoration is being carried out through a combination of federal, state, local and tribal initiatives. To facilitate the coordination of these initiatives, Congress established the intergovernmental South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force in 1996. A Florida-based Working Group and Science Coordination Group assist the Task Force in fulfilling its responsibilities. These federal, state, local, and tribal representatives work cooperatively and communicate with all stakeholders in this unprecedented conservation endeavor.

**Hot Items**

- ▶ [Click here for the live webcast of the Dec 1 Task Force Meeting](#)
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# Development of the 2004 Work Plan

***Priority tasks for 2004 established at Dec 2003 Task Force meeting and includes:***

***Non-discretionary activities (WRDA 1996, etc)***

***Discretionary activities***

***Categories of tasks:***

***Products***

***Functions***

***General priorities***

***Consultation***

# Products

*Strategy* - approved Oct 6

*Biennial Report* - approved Oct 6

*Integrated Financial Plan* - approved Oct 6

*Science staffing analysis* – submitted to Congress  
Mar 25

*Plan to Coordinate Science* – final draft under review

# Functions

*Coordinate consistent policies, strategies, programs, projects, priorities – Strategy, Plan to Coordinate Science, Land Acquisition Strategy*

*Exchange information – website upgrades, improved meeting agendas, expanded use of conference calls*

*Facilitate conflict resolution – CSOP Advisory Team, Multi-Species Management Workshops*

*Provide assistance and support to members – CSOP Advisory Team*

# General Priorities

## *CERP implementation*

*Interim goals and targets – WG Workshop, information briefings and discussions*  
*Water quality - information briefings and discussions, Plan to Coordinate Science*

*CSOP/MWD – CSOP Advisory Team Performance Expectations and MWD Resolution*

*Multi-species management – Multi-Species Management Workshops*

*WG/SCG/CSOP Advisory Team implementation – WG charter revised, SCG and CSOP Advisory Team established and supported*

# Consultation

*Interim goals recommendations – WG Workshop, information updates*

*Interim goals agreement – pending (early 05)*

*Guidance memoranda – Dec*

*Initial CERP update - deferred*

*Pre-CERP baseline - Dec*

*MISP - Dec*

*PIRs – Indian River Lagoon – May  
Picayune Strand - Dec*